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RATES OF EURO-II/III PETROL/DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil PSUs are charging similar rates for Euro II and Euro III Diesel/Petrol being supplied in the National Capital Region area and Haryana;

(b) if so, whether oil PSUs are supplying normal Euro I diesel in Punjab at cheaper rates;

(c) if so, whether Reliance is supplying Euro I Diesel in Haryana and other States cheaper than oil PSUs; and

(d) if so, the reasons as to why the oil PSUs are supplying Euro I Diesel at higher rates than the private companies ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): As per the Auto Fuel Policy, Euro III equivalent diesel/petrol has been introduced in NCR region and Bharat Stage II diesel/petrol in Haryana with effect from 1.4.2005. Euro III petrol being superior in quality, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are charging more for it as compared to Bharat Stage II petrol.

(b): At present, OMCs are supplying diesel conforming to India 2000 norms (Bharat Stage I) in Punjab which is cheaper as compared to Bharat Stage II diesel on account of lower quality. However, Bharat Stage II diesel will be introduced in Punjab effective 1.10.2005.

(c)&(d): As per the Auto Fuel Policy, Bharat Stage II (BS II) diesel has been introduced all over India with effect from 1.4.2005 excepted in the states of Rajasthan, Punjab, Uttaranchal, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and the western part of U. P where this fuel would be introduced progressively by 1.10.2005. While the retail selling prices of petrol and diesel are fixed by the OMCs on an Industry basis in consultation with the Government, the private marketing companies are free to fix their own prices. As such, minor variations in the rates charged by OMCs and private companies are possible.